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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 3724**

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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ROTARY CUTTING MACHINE FOR CORRUGATED CARDBOARD PLATE

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Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

2. (Once Amended) The cutting machine for cutting the flat cardboard plate as claimed in Claim 6, wherein each of the first and second rotary cutters rotates in such a direction as to permit a leading portion of the respective rotary cutter, with respect to a direction of movement relative to the flat cardboard plate, to plunge into the flat cardboard plate.